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Dear Mr. Dulles:

Arrangements have now been completed for the special meeting on the communalization program in mainland China, scheduled for Monday evening, December 1, at 5:15 p.m., here at the Harold Pratt House. This letter is merely to put on paper, for your convenience, the program that has been worked out.

The session will be chaired by Joe Johnson, who is also chairman of this year's study group on Communist China. We have assembled a first-rate group to participate in the discussion and I am enclosing a list of their names for your information. After Mr. Johnson opens the meeting, we shall begin with your formal presentation. I understand from Ham Armstrong that you will speak on the communalization program against the background of Communist China's general economic development. After your remarks, John Strohm has agreed to speak on his observations on the communalization program witnessed during his recent trip to mainland China. Because of the background material we have already distributed to participants in the meeting, we have asked Mr. Strohm to emphasize his evaluation of the significance of the program, and to give relatively less attention to descriptive information.

To make the most of the limited time at our disposal, and in order to provide the kind of analytical discussion that might be most useful to you, we would suggest that your presentation and Mr. Strohm's be limited to approximately fifteen minutes each, unless you feel that more time is necessary. For the same reasons, we also feel that the discussion should be confined as much as possible to the communalization program itself, except where broader observations on the political and economic situations seem necessary to illuminate the discussion. Joe Johnson has agreed to conduct the meeting along these lines, and we hope that all this is satisfactory from your point of view.

We are all looking forward very much to the meeting next Monday evening, and hope that it will prove helpful. It will be a particular pleasure to have you back at the Council.

Sincerely yours,



William Henderson
Assistant Executive Director